

**Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update
December 6, 2020**

PARISH UPDATES

It is most important that all parishioners are fully aware that the Green Phase does not change our protocols for St. Ignatius Church and Mass attendance. Please refer to final sheet of Update for clarification.

All visitations to homes and hospitals remain limited based upon restrictions of individual health care facilities protocols. CDC guidelines must be followed.

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of December 7, 2020:

Please see Mass schedule on other page.

WEEKEND MASSES

Please note revised weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday Vigil Masses 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. (This is not a public Mass.)

All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church due to capacity allowed under CDC guidelines.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR DAILY & WEEKEND LITURGIES

First, Fr. Mosley and I wish to express our gratitude for your cooperation with the safety and health protocols which are in place as we gather to pray as a faith community.

Secondly, we do wish to remind all parishioners of the following protocols that must be strictly maintained:

- Face Masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face Masks must cover one's **nose and mouth** at all times during the celebration of Mass.
- All parishioners should sanitize their hands using our new touchless sanitizers upon entrance into the Church.
- All parishioners are reminded that the doors of the Church close when Mass begins. Please make every effort to be on time.
- All parishioners are reminded that they should leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion, one's Act of Thanksgiving should be done in the car or at home.
- **Parishioners are reminded that when taking seats in church, they are requested to begin with either the middle seat of the pew or the seat closest to the stained-glass windows. The seat closet to the middle aisle should be the last seat taken in a pew. As certain Masses are nearing capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, this process is necessary to ensure that as many people can be accommodated as possible.**

Thank you for your kind attention to these important matters as we continue to maintain a safe environment for our community of faith to gather in prayer.

LIVESTREAMED MASS FROM SAINT IGNATIUS

Once again, this Sunday, December 6, 2020 we will be livestreaming Mass at 8:30 a.m. We plan to continue live streaming **each weekend** from St. Ignatius Church. The livestream can be accessed through our parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stignatiuspa. After the Mass is recorded, it will also be available on our parish website. However, there may be times when the posting of this video is delayed on account of our webmaster's availability.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8th

Monday, December 7th – 5:30 p.m. – Virtual Mass (not open to the public)

Tuesday, December 8th – 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time due to the pandemic.

PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

We will place a Christmas tree in the front yard of the rectory on Friday December 18th **and invite everyone to stop by and securely attach an ornament with your name (s) on it prior to December 24th (if necessary you may leave your ornament in the container on the rectory porch for us to attach your ornament.)** On Christmas Eve we will light the tree as a visible sign of our unity and commitment to our parish family as we stand “TOGETHER IN FAITH”!



CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 7th – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 14th – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 21st – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please note special schedule – 2 priests will be available. Please follow the instructions of the greeter on duty for location of Confessor.

CONFESSION TIME

Confessions will be celebrated in the Church at our regular time on Saturdays from **12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.** or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note the office is only open for phone calls.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the following family members of recently deceased parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish:

James Speicher

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Special Christmas Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. Please write the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses to remember your intentions.

Mass Intentions Week of December 7th – 13th

Monday
7:30 AM – Elizabeth Garbor <i>Matysik Family</i>
12:10 PM – Norma Agati <i>Agati Edmunds Families</i>
5:30 PM – VIRTUAL MASS – NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Tuesday – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:30 AM – Mary Sisky <i>Tom & Marianne Hannigan</i>
12:10 PM – William Chmielewski <i>Christine, Maureen & Helene</i>
5:30 PM – Marie Kushner <i>Carol Ann Hendricks</i>
Wednesday
7:30 AM – Bridget O’Brien Family <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Kapral & Stepanski Families <i>Sophie Kapral</i>
Thursday
7:30 AM – Eugene Mulligan <i>Family</i>
12:10 PM – Kathleen & Andrew Rogan <i>Daughters</i>
Friday
7:30 AM – John Devitt <i>Peggy Yanklunas</i>
12:10 PM – Gerald Maier <i>Wife & Family</i>
Saturday
4:00 PM – Robert G. Walsh <i>Alexis Davison & Family</i>
6:00 PM – Ann MacFarland <i>Tom & Mark McDonnell</i>
Sunday
7:00 AM – Joseph Lapinski, Jr. <i>Yarashas Family</i>
10:30 AM – Mary O’Malley <i>Ronald & Yvonne Ingram</i>
12:30 PM – Margaret Domanish <i>Mike & Mary Lou Gobbler</i>

Church Candle & Bread & Wine for the Week of December 7th
In Memory of Norma Agati – Requested by Agati Edmunds Families

ADVENT GIVING WREATH

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to provide toys for less fortunate families this year. In place of actual toys, we are requesting donations of gift cards to be distributed to needy families. We would ask that you deposit the gift cards in the special boxes near the angel wreaths in the back of the Church until Sunday, December 6. We are recommending that the gift cards be from either K-Mart, Wal Mart, Target, or an area grocery store, ranging in price from \$5.00-\$30.00. Gift cards can be conveniently purchased at any drug store or grocery store. Cash donations will also be accepted so that gift cards can be purchased for needy families.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – DECEMBER 13th

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have served our Church and world. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to this collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. The envelope for this collection can be found in your packets. Please drop it in the collection boxes in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We are in need of your help to decorate the Church! In order to keep volunteers as safe as possible as we decorate the Church, we will utilize two teams.

Team A will do the trees, lights, manger setup on Sunday, Dec 20 at 2:00pm

Team B will do flowers and all other inside decorations on Tuesday, Dec 22 at 5:00pm

If you helped last year, you will be contacted. If you would like to volunteer, please just come to the Church on either day.

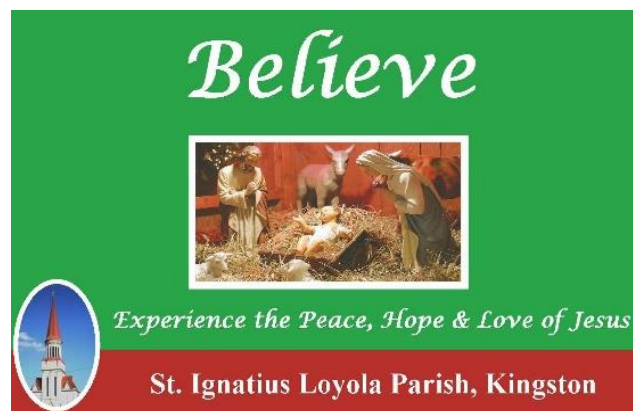
Please ensure you wear your mask. Thank you in advance for your help!

WELCOME TO DEACON PERNOT

Gerard P. Pernot, 58, and his wife, Patricia, have been married for 31 years and have three children. They are residents of Duryea and members of Nativity of Our Lord Parish in the borough. Our new deacon is a 1979 graduate of Pittston Area High School and received his associate's degree in banking from Luzerne County Community College in 1984. He later earned a bachelor's in business administration and economics from Wilkes University in 1988 and a master's in business administration, with a concentration in finance, from The University of Scranton in 1992. Deacon Pernot is currently a relationship manager for retirement plan clients with CUNA Mutual Group.



PARISH YARD SIGNS



If you would like a parish yard sign, please call the Rectory during normal business hours. **Supplies may be limited.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sunday Tithe
\$9,946.00

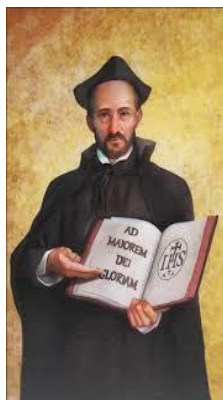
E-Offerings
\$1,231.00

Total
\$11,177.00

**Amount Needed
Each Week to
Meet Expenses
\$12,950.00**

Father Mosley and I continue to be most grateful for your generosity and support during these challenging days. Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped in mailbox on front of rectory porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.



**MINI ADVENT CALENDAR
A SUGGESTION FOR ADVENT 2020
EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX**

All items will be donated to the Al Beech Food Pantry

- November 29 – box of cereal
- November 30 – jar of peanut butter
- December 1 – stuffing mix
- December 2 – boxed potatoes
- December 3 – box of macaroni and cheese
- December 4 – canned fruit
- December 5 – box of pasta
- December 6 – jar of tomato sauce
- December 7 – box of dessert mix
- December 8 – jar of applesauce
- December 9 – can of sweet potatoes
- December 10 – can of cranberry sauce
- December 11 – can of corn
- December 12 – box of crackers
- December 13 – can of chicken noodle soup

**Boxes can be dropped off on Sunday, December 13th in Conlan Hall
between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – Noon.**

**Our 8th Grade Religious Education Students are sponsoring this project
as a part of their service requirement for receiving the Sacrament of
Confirmation.**



CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th

2:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Academy Gymnasium

4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church

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6:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church

10:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th

7:00 a.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church

8:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church

**10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church
(Livestream on Facebook page)**

*Livestreaming of all Church Masses will be broadcast in Conlan Hall
for additional seating.*

The Masses at Good Shepherd Academy Gymnasium will have seating on the gym floor with proper social distancing and the bleachers will be available for families who wish to sit together. Masses at the Church will allow individuals to sit in the front two sections and families who wish to sit together may use the back two sections.

Seating for our Christmas liturgies will be on a first come basis. Reservations will not be taken. We remind you of our capacities at this time:

St. Ignatius Church	80 people
Conlan Hall	50 people
Good Shepherd Academy Gym	250 people

Important Points to Remember as we Reopen our Church

- Church Doors will open **20 minutes before** liturgy begins.
- Entrance to Church will be through main door on porch.
- Those needing assistance will enter and exit Conlan Hall Entranceway so as to use the elevator.
- **Upon entering the Church, all are asked to sanitize their hands with our new touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Seating will be assigned; please follow the directions of the greeters.
- Seating capacity is 80 individuals. **The front doors will be closed once capacity has been achieved or when Mass begins. Attendance is on a first come basis.**
- Livestreaming of our Sunday liturgy will continue at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. **(This Mass is not open to the public.)**
- All in attendance are required to wear face masks for the duration of the liturgy.
- All in attendance are asked to bring a sanitizing wipe to clean their seat to ensure safety.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes for your donations will be located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of liturgy and **all must exit the Church at this time via the side doors on the porch.**
- You are asked not to congregate in parking lot or outside Church building.
- Sanitization after each liturgy will be undertaken for everyone's health and safety.
- Restroom will be cleaned after each liturgy.
- Elevator will be cleaned after each service.
- **Confessions are held on Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive Holy Communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line for reception in order for priest to properly sanitize his hands.**

We wish to remind you these guidelines are in place to provide a safe and a healthy environment as we begin to join together as a faith community. Your health and wellbeing are our primary concern!

Procedures and protocols may change and be readjusted according to need or guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

We humbly request that if you regularly attend a weekday liturgy **that you not attend on the weekends in order for us to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.**

We remind you the obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy is suspended at this time and for the foreseeable future.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we journey together united by our faith, hope, and love. **Thank you and May God continue to bless all of us!**